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SPICES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Spices Development Authority to attain self-sufficiency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce (in its 80th Report) has observed that a Spices Development Authority should be set up with the larger mandate covering research, production, value addition, domestic self sufficiency and export promotion. However, since the Directorate of Arecanut & Spices Development, Indian Institute of Spices Research and the Spices Board are looking after the production, research and export promotion respectively, there is no proposal from the Government for setting up of a Spices Development Authority.